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1. REF A AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION IN SESSIONS ON FOCUS SAUDI ARABIA IS INTERESTING AND USEFUL, PARTICULARLY THE LISTING OF "SIGNIFICANT ISSUES". WE HAD ALREADY IDENTIFIED MOST OF THE SUBJECTS IN ONE FORM OR ANOTHER AS REPORTING TARGETS BUT THERE ARE SOME WE HAD NOT PREVIOUSLY PINPOINTED AS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO THE DEPARTMENT AND INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY. GIVEN THE LIMITED RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO THE POST IT WOULD BE PARTICULARLY HELPFUL IF THE FOCUS REVIEW COULD RESULT IN A LISTING OF ITEMS OF INTEREST BY PRIORITY WITHIN CATAGORIES THUS ENABLING US BETTER TO CONCENTRATE OUR EFFORTS.

2. THE LETTER TO THE AMBASSADOR FROM AMBASSADOR LITTLE MENTIONED IN REF C HAS STILL NOT BEEN RECEIVED. IN THE ABSENCE OF THAT LETTER IT IS STILL NOT CLEAR EXACTLY WHAT COMMENTS FRM THE POST WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL TO COMMITTEE REVIEW, OTHER THAN AGENDA ITEM 3: "MISSION ASSESSMENT OF THE SUPPORT PROVIDED IT BY THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY." WE WILL PROVIDE THIS EVALUATION BY SEPTEL, BUT IF THERE ARE ANY PARTICULAR CRITERIA TO BE FOLLOWED IN PREPARING THE EVALUATION, WOULD APPRECIATE THEIR BEING FORWARDED BY TELEGRAM.
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